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MARINE CORPS ORDER 10120.56B

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Distribution List

Subj: LOGISTICS SUPPORT OF MARINE CORPS UNIFORM CLOTHING AND
TEXTILE (C&T) PROGRAMS

Ref: (a) MCO 10120.31F
(b) MCO P4400.151B
(c) MCO P10120.28F
(d) MCO 4855.10B
(e) MCO P1020.34F

Encl: (1) Uniform and Accessory Project Directive

1. Situation. To publish policy governing the logistics support of Marine Corps Uniform C&T Programs, to include Marine Corps uniform clothing, accessories, and uniform fabrics.

2. Cancellation. MCO 10120.56A.

3. Mission. To promulgate an update to an outdated order.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. This Order will be the guiding influence in the logistics support and execution of Marine Corps C&T Programs, to include:

(a) Establishing and maintaining approved commercial sources of supply for uniform clothing and accessories authorized for sale through the Marine Corps Exchange System and/or direct sale to individual Marines.

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(b) Quality control of Marine Corps uniform clothing, accessories, and uniform material.

(c) Exchange procurement and maintenance of stocks of officer optional uniform clothing and accessories.

(2) Concept of Operations. Commanders shall ensure that this Order is made available, understood, and used by all personnel in support of Marine Corps C&T Programs and that their operations are conducted within the intent thereof.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) The Permanent Marine Corps Uniform Board (PMCUB) is the program sponsor for uniform clothing, accessories, and materials. The PMCUB will:

(a) Consider any matter related to Marine Corps uniforms in which a perceived problem exists or in which a possible improvement can be made.

(b) Establish the need for and authorized wear of uniform clothing, accessories, and materials.

(c) Approve designs and materials for all uniform clothing and accessory items to include field uniform items.

(d) Initiate the requirement for all uniform and accessory project directives. These directives are used to accomplish requirements in support of the PMCUB, to include:

1 Developing and fabricating proposed uniforms, materials, and accessories.

2 Introducing approved items into the Federal Supply System or the Marine Corps Exchange System.

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3 Coordinating item standardization and supply planning data (system item requirements, except for recruit input) for the Marine Corps.

(2) Headquarters Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (DC, I&L) (LPC) is responsible for the logistics support of system uniform clothing, accessories, and materials and provides assistance, as required, for non-system uniform clothing and accessories. The DC, I&L (LPC) will:

(a) Formulate logistics policy and procedures.

(b) Develop uniform and accessory project directives, as required, for both system and non-system items (see enclosure).

(c) Coordinate, as necessary, with the DC, Programs and Resources (DC, P&R) (RFM) and Marine Corps Materiel Command (MARCORMATCOM) for Military Personnel, Marine Corps (MPMC) up-front funding associated with new initial issue supply system item introduction/standardization.

(3) The DC, P&R (RFM) is responsible for budgeting for up-front funding associated with new initial issue system item introduction/standardization. DC, P&R (RFM) will provide MARCORMATCOM, upon their request, the fund to be billed (i.e., appropriation data, signal code, fund code, etc.), address of billing office, and point-of-contact. MARCORMATCOM will include this information in the supply request package (SRP).

(4) The DC, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (DC, M&RA) (MRX) is responsible for the support of non-supply system uniform clothing items and accessories as well as supply system items at designated military clothing sales stores (MCSS). The DC, M&RA (MRX) will:

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(a) Prepare procurement instructions and invitations for quotations, and administer contracts for the procurement, as required, of approved non-supply system uniform clothing and accessory items which are provided through the Marine Corps Exchange System.

(b) Establish stockage points and objectives for supply and non-supply system uniform clothing and accessory items provided by the MCSS and the Marine Corps exchanges.

(c) Consolidate requirements and procurement actions, as required, for non-supply system uniform clothing and accessory items and coordinate direct shipments to exchange stockage points.

(d) Coordinate with MARCORMATCOM to ensure:

1 That contractors meet and maintain quality control standards. In this regard, the DC, M&RA (MRX) will coordinate with all Marine Corps exchanges in the submission of suspected quality control problems pertaining to non-supply system items.

2 The currency of specifications/commercial item descriptions (CID) and patterns.

(e) Develop and provide MARCORMATCOM with long-range uniform sales projections for the purpose of budgeting and planning basic uniform material requirements.

(f) Provide representation at the Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia (DSCP) semiannual review of material obligations.

(5) The Commander, MARCORMATCOM is responsible for complete logistics support for all C&T items, and will:

(a) Implement uniform and accessory project directives (see enclosure). In this regard,

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MARCORMATCOM acts as the clothing design agency for the Marine Corps and is responsible for specification/CID and pattern preparation, including the fabrication or procurement of prototypes, experimental fabrics, and items or accessories, as directed.

(b) Budget in support of project directives, to include temporary additional duty funding.

(c) Coordinate item standardization review, including substitutability/acceptability, and supply planning data for federal supply system items. Supply planning includes:

1 Coordinating with the DSCP on projected up-front funding costs in support of new item introduction/standardization of system items and providing the DC, P&R (RFM) in writing the total projected price quote. Any subsequent up-front funding changes will also be provided to the DC, P&R (RFM).

2 Preparing and submitting SRP's, requirements data, etc., to DSCP, per reference (a). Include in the SRP the fund to be billed, address of billing office, and point-of-contact.

3 Developing and submitting proposed phase-in/phase-out plans to the DC, I&L (LPC) per reference (a).

(d) Provide to the DC, I&L (LPC) technical information and recommendations on material or the construction of uniform clothing and accessories, to include experimental samples for consideration.

(e) Initiate and evaluate technical or manufacturing changes in specifications/CID's for existing Marine Corps uniforms, accessories, and materials when such changes will result in ease of manufacturing or higher percentage of acceptability of finished items, without in any way altering the appearance or basic utility of the improved item. Proposed

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specification/CID changes which will alter the appearance, basic utility, or basic fabric of an item will require prior approval of the CMC. Such proposed changes shall be submitted to the DC, I&L (LPC) for referral to the PMCUB for appropriate action.

(f) Provide, as requested, detailed specifications/CID's and a standard size pattern, including all changes thereto, to the DC, M&RA (MRX) for use in competitive procurement for those non-supply system uniform clothing and accessory items provided through the Marine Corps Exchange System.

(g) Provide specifications/CID's and patterns to approved sources:

1 Providing current approved sources, which have been awarded a contract, with the specification/CID, a full range of patterns, and subsequent specification/CID and pattern piece changes/revisions on a one-time basis free of charge.

2 Providing newly established approved sources with specification/CID and full range of patterns on a one-time basis free of charge when awarded a contract.

3 Subsequent expense for replacement patterns or pieces shall be borne by the approved source.

4 Approved sources which have not been actively producing but were previously provided a full range of patterns will not be eligible for another free set merely because they have become producers again. In cases such as these, they will only be provided revised pattern pieces/revisions free of charge, to include specification/CID changes/revisions.

(h) Establish and maintain liaison with the DSCP, as required, to ensure that the quality of Marine Corps uniform items, accessories, and materials supplied through the Federal Supply System meets Marine Corps standards and/or specifications/CID's.

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(i) Maintain liaison with approved commercial sources and the DC, M&RA (MRX) to ensure that the quality of Marine Corps uniform items supplied through Marine Corps exchanges and approved commercial sources meet Marine Corps standards and specifications/CID's. The quality control program for non-supply system uniform clothing and accessories shall include, as required or requested, onsite visits to suppliers for first article inspections and follow-up visits, as necessary.

(j) Establish and maintain approved commercial sources of supply for non-supply system uniform clothing and accessories authorized for sale through the Marine Corps Exchange System and/or direct sale to individual Marines. This area of responsibility includes soliciting, receiving, inspecting, and approving/disapproving samples of uniform clothing and accessories from manufactures and distributors. It also includes advising approved commercial sources of supply, as appropriate, of the current specifications/CID's and patterns in use.

1 Upon acceptance of the manufactured sample, MARCORMATCOM will issue an approval number/USMC serial number and letter of approval to the manufacturer or distributor. One tagged sample will be returned to the manufacturer or distributor, and one tagged sample will be maintained at MARCORMATCOM for reference purposes. Furnish the DC, M&RA (MRX), DC, I&L (LPC), and PMCUB a copy of each letter of approval.

2 Quality deficiency letter reports received for non-supply system uniform clothing and accessories shall be processed immediately to resolution. Suppliers who do not correct reported deficiencies or continue to offer items not meeting Marine Corps standards shall be removed from the approved source listing. Approval numbers shall be canceled for items discontinued by individual suppliers. Prior to canceling

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uniform approval numbers, coordination must be effected with the DC, M&RA (MRX). Furnish the DC, M&RA (MRX); DC, I&L (LPC); and PMCUB a copy of each letter of cancellation.

(k) Establish shade tolerance and approve or disapprove shade deviations based upon evaluation and recommendations of the DSCP laboratory for C&T items where neither the appearance nor the function of the item is affected.

(l) Attend meetings for C&T standardization projects with other military services and industry. Present and defend the Marine Corps position based on research, development, and evaluation studies for items under discussion within the guidelines of Marine Corps policy and established procedures.

(m) Provide representation at the DSCP semiannual review of material obligations. Subsequent to each meeting, provide a status-type report to the DC, I&L (LPC), DC, M&RA (MRX), and all Marine Corps customers within 10 working days.

(n) Provide assistance to field activities regarding supply support problems pertaining to Marine Corps uniform clothing and accessories.

(o) Maintain sufficient quantities of all Marine Corps optional officer materials at the direct support stock control activity to ensure availability of subsequent sale to approved contractors/individuals.

(p) Coordinate and assist, as required, the DC, M&RA (MRX) in the preparation of invitations for quotations for the procurement of approved Marine Corps officer optional uniform items.

(6) Base/station commanders' responsibilities pertaining to the logistics support of Marine Corps uniform clothing and accessories, to include quality control, are contained in other publications in the Marine Corps Directives System.

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(a) Those commands with retail clothing outlets (RCO) shall comply with the instructions contained in references (b) and (c) and provide representation at the DSCP semiannual review of material obligations.

(b) Product quality deficiency reports (PQDR's) for system items shall be submitted to the Commander, Marine Corps Logistics Bases, Life Cycle Management Center, ATTN: Product Support Section (Code 822-2), 814 Radford Boulevard, Suite 20320, Albany, GA 31704-0320 per the instructions contained in reference (d).

(c) Quality deficiency letters for non-system items shall be submitted to the DC, M&RA (MRX) per the instructions contained in reference (e).

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Distribution Statement A directives issued by CMC is published electronically and can be accessed online via the Marine Corps homepage at: <http://www.usmc.mil>.

b. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Order are invited. Such recommendations will be forwarded to the DC, I&L (LPC) via the appropriate chain of command.

6. Command and Signal

a. Signal. Effective upon date of signature.

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b. Command. This Order is applicable to the supporting establishment.



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UNIFORM AND ACCESSORY PROJECT DIRECTIVE

1. A uniform and accessory project directive will be developed by the DC, I&L (LPC) at the direction of the PMCUB. The format is shown in figure 1. Each project directive will be assigned a number for control and reporting purposes, will indicate the project objectives and any specific actions to be accomplished, and will be transmitted by letter to the Commander, Marine Corps Materiel Command (Code M400), 814 Radford Boulevard, Suite 20301, Albany, GA 31704-0301.

2. Upon receipt of a uniform and accessory project directive, MARCORMATCOM shall design and fabricate or procure prototypes, experimental fabrics, end items, and accessories, as directed. When prototypes are obtained from private industry, the full cost of fabrication will be funded with local Operations and Maintenance, Marine Corps (O&MMC) targeted for uniform board research and development efforts. Until such time as project directives are completed/canceled, quarterly progress/status reports are required. Progress/status report formats are shown in figures 2 and 3. These reports shall be transmitted by letter to the DC, I&L (LPC) by the 10th day of January, April, July, and October each year.

3. MARCORMATCOM shall fabricate or procure a minimum of nine samples for each item of uniform clothing and accessories which have been approved for adoption by the Marine Corps. Seven of the sample items will be retained by MARCORMATCOM. The remaining two standard sample items along with three appropriate sample tags shall be forwarded to the DC, I&L (LPC) for approval and signature by the CMC. The approved standard samples and approved sample tags will be distributed by the DC, I&L (LPC) as follows:

a. One sample and tag to the Marine Corps Historical Center, Building 58, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374 (Attn: Registrar).

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b. One sample and tag to the PMCUB.

c. One sample tag to MARCORMATCOM to be attached to the standard sample retained by the command.

4. For each item introduced into the Federal Supply System or for an item currently in the system which has changed significantly, MARCORMATCOM shall tag six of the sample items as guide samples and provide them to DSCP for use in procurement.

5. Superseded and obsolete standard samples and applicable tags shall be returned to MARCORMATCOM for disposal in the best interest of the Government.

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1. Project No:	Date:
2. Title:	
3. Reference/Enclosure:	
4. Purpose/Objective:	
5. Description/Specific Requirements:	
6. Required Completion/Delivery Date:	
7. Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) Coordinator:	
8. Management Data Required by HQMC:	
a. Project/Program Schedule:	
b. Progress/Final Reports:	
c. Estimated/Obligated Funds:	
d. Miscellaneous Information:	

Figure 1.--Format for a Uniform and Accessory
Project Directive.

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Date:
Project No: (Include the latest change number; e.g., 1-00 w/ change No. 1)
Project Title: (As shown on the project directive)
Project Directive Date: (As shown on the project directive)
Brief Description: (As shown on the project directive)
Status as of: (Current status as of the date of this report)
Estimated Completion Date: (As near as can be determined)
Estimated O&M Funds by Fiscal Year Required to Complete the Project:
O&M Funds by Fiscal Year Obligated to Date: (Total of O&M funds obligated against project directive)

Figure 2.--Format for the Uniform and Accessory
Project Progress Report.

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Date:

The following is a recap by quarter of the total funds obligated/required during the current fiscal year for all of the active uniform and accessory projects, including the total required for subsequent fiscal years:

Current FY

(Obligated/Required) FY FY

1st Quarter

2d Quarter

3d Quarter

4th Quarter

Figure 3.--Format for the Recap of Funds Obligated/
Required for Uniform and Accessory Projects.

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